to time on each consignment by providing necessary shipment details on 8.8.94. The unit based on permission granted, later imported 14,100 MT of zinc wastes. Imports from Germany were also permitted on 12.5.95.

*Exporting countries-Germany,* The Netherlands & Sweden.

5. *Importer* M/s. Indo-Zinc Ltd., dhar, MP

Permission was granted for import of 1000 MT containing zinc ash/dross/scrap on 8th May, 1995.

*Exporting country*—The Netherlands

6. *Importer* M/s. Associated Pigments Ltd., Calcutta.

Permission was granted for import of 3,500 MT of lead waste containing lead dross/residue/scrap on 11th December, 1995 as per the recommendations of the Committee constituted for this purpose under this Ministry.

*Exporting country-South Korea*

*7. Importer* M/s. Indian Lead Limited, Bombay

Permission granted only to negotiate the import of lead dross/residue/scrap for use in their Thane unit as per the recommendations of the Committee constituted for this purpose on 21st November, 1995. No permission has been given for any consignment so far.

"All imports were permitted subject to the requirement under Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and the conditions stipulated for the purpose.

**Survey on Forest Reserves**

1124. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study on the total forest areas, the forest resources therein and the reasons for the growing degradation of forests;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof according to the last survey; and

(c) the steps taken for the proper preservation of forests and foreset wealth?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise details of forest cover and growing stock is given in state ment. *(See* below). Main reasons for the degradation of forests are forest fires, grazing, shifting cultivation and wide gap in demand and supply of fuelwood, fod der and Small timber resulting in unsus tainable withdrawal.

(c) Various steps taken for proper pre servation of forests and forests wealth are as follows:

(i) Extensive afforestation programmes are undertaken by State Governments from their own resources as well as with financial assistance from Government of India for afforestation, protection of forests and restoration of ecological balance;

(ii) Various Externally Aided Projects are being implemented for preservation of forests and forest wealth;

(iii) Guidelines have been issued to all the State Governments to involve village communities for the regeneration of degraded forests through Joint forest Management;

(iv) Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been enacted to regulate the diversion of forest lands;

(v) A Network of Protected areas has been created.

**Statement**

*Statement showing State-wise details of forest Cover and Growing stock as per the State of forest Report, 1995*

| SI. No. | State/UT | Forest cover (in sq. km) | Growing stock (in million cum) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 47,112 | 291.394 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 68,621 | 775.125 |
| 3. | Assam | 24,061 | 304.423 |
| 4. | Bihar | 26,561 | 96.720 |
| 5. | Delhi | 26 | — |
| 6. | Goa, Daman & Diu | 1,250 | 12.644 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 12,320 | 63.921 |
| 8. | Haryana | 603 | 1.432 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 12,501 | 254.410 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 20,433 | 458.929 |
| 11. | Karnataka | 32^82 | 272.411 |
| 12. | Kerala | 10^36 | 98.883 |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 1,35,164 | 698.182 |
| 14. | Maharashtra | 43,843 | 225.554 |
| 15. | Manipur | 17,558 | 95.452 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | 15,714 | 104.140 |
| 17. | Mizoram | 18,576 | 66.012 |
| 18. | Nagaland | 14,291 | 94.887 |
| 19. | Orissa | 47,107 | 246.150 |
| 20. | Punjab | 1,342 | 0.950 |
| 21. | Rajasthan | 13^80 | 12.892 |
| 22. | Sikkim | 3,127 | 39.286 |
| 23. | Tamil. Nadu | 17,766 | 69.602 |
| 24. | Tripura | 5,538 | 15.452 |
| 25. | Uttar Pradesh | 33,986 | 338.633 |
| 26. | West Bengal | 8376 | 22.859 |
| 27. | Andman & Nicobar Islands | 7,615 | 79.644 |
| 28. | Chandigarh | 7 | — |
| 29. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 204 | 0.871 |
| 30. | Lakshdweep* | — | — |
| 31. | Pondicherry* | — | — |
| | Total | 6,39,600 | 4740.858 |

*No discernible forest cover. Indian

**standards of pollution emission**

1125. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken to check pollution created by automotive vehicles in metropolitan and other cities;

(b) what has been effectiveness of these measures;

(c) what are Indian standards for pollu tion emission for different categories/ty pes of automotive vehicles and how does